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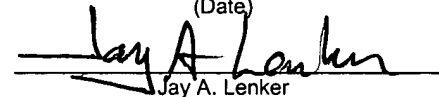
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**RESPONSE TO MARCH 9, 2006 OFFICE ACTION**

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 9, 2006, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and comments.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Interview Summary** begins on page 9 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.